“Education for a Better World”
IB at BMHS
The Diploma Program, briefly:

• A comprehensive and rigorous 2-year pre-university course of study
• Eleventh and twelfth graders, culminating in an IB diploma
• International standards of achievement
• Recognized worldwide as rigorous and demanding
• Over 1 million students are currently enrolled
The IB Diploma Program Options

**IB Certificates.** Students may enroll in some IB classes to get the IB designation on a transcript and potentially earn college credit (similar to AP).

**IB Diploma.** Students may complete the full Diploma Program, including the IB Core.

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The Structure of the Diploma Program
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- 7 courses that span grades 11 and 12
- 3 Higher Level (2 year) Courses
- 3 Standard Level (2 year) Courses
- “Theory of Knowledge” course
- CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) extra-curriculars
- The Extended Essay
The IB Core

• “Theory of Knowledge” course (an interdisciplinary approach to learning and critical thinking)

• “Extended Essay” (a self-selected research project)

• “Creativity, Activity, Service” (CAS, a requirement of experiences devoted to creative projects, physical activity, and service learning)
BMHS/CGS Course Offerings for 2019-20

Group 1: Language A
English A: Literature and Language HL and SL

Group 2: Language B
Spanish HL / SL / ab initio
French SL / ab initio
Italian ab initio
BMHS/CGS Course Offerings

Group 3: Individuals and Societies
*Required:* History HL or Global Politics SL
*In lieu of Group 6:* Psychology SL, Economics HL, Business Management HL

Group 4: Sciences
Physics HL
Environmental Systems and Societies SL
*In lieu of Group 6:* Sport, Exercise and Health Science SL
BMHS/CGS Course Offerings

**Group 5: Math**
Analysis and Approaches HL / SL
Applications and Interpretation HL / SL

**Group 6: The Arts**
Visual Art HL/SL
Film HL
Music SL (pending enrollment)

**The Core**
Theory of Knowledge
(CAS, EE)
### IB and College: Impact on Acceptance Rates

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Class of 2019 IBDP Colleges

- Bucknell University
- Notre Dame
- Colgate University
- New York University
- Penn State University
- Santa Clara University
- Tulane University
- USC
- Cooper Union
- UCLA
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Temple
- University of Denver
- University of British Columbia
Benefits for Students

- Be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning
- Leads to higher education / high ranking universities
- Become more culturally aware
- Able to engage with people in a rapidly changing world
As a result of their time in the IB, students develop

- Time management skills and a strong sense of self-motivation
- A keen interest in civic engagement
- Notable academic ability
- Strong research and writing skills
- Critical thinking abilities
- An international outlook
Benefits for schools

- High quality program of education, which support development of knowledgeable and inquiring students
- Professional development that supports effective educators and collaborative professional learning communities
- A worldwide network of highly respected IB World Schools, working together to share best practice
How is IB different from AP?

Advanced Placement
- 1 year courses
- Subject-specific program
- Focuses on subject-area content
- Recognized by colleges

International Baccalaureate
- 2-year courses
- Focus on teaching specific skills as well as content
- Emphasis of depth of understanding and skills developing
- Emphasis on writing and researching in every discipline
- Internal assessment grades are externally monitored
- Recognized by colleges
How to Become an IB Diploma Candidate

- Be enrolled at BMHS
- Complete the recommended course sequence for Grades 9-10
- Have excellent teacher recommendations
- Complete our BMHS IB intent to participate process in fall of Grade 10 (interview)
Thank you for your interest in our program!

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